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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Claims 13-31 remain pending in this application. No claims have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. New claims 25-31 have been added.

Priority

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's acknowledgment of the claim for priority and safe receipt of the priority document.

Interview Summary

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner and the Examiner's Supervisor for conducting a personal interview with the undersigned and Applicants' representatives on April 25, 2006. During the interview the differences between the amended claims and the cited art were discussed as set forth below.

Specification

The specification has been amended as suggested by the Examiner.

Abstract

The Abstract has been amended to overcome the Examiner's rejection.

35 U.S.C. §112

Claim 23 has been amended to overcome the rejection under this section.

35 U.S.C. §§102 and 103

Claims 13, 19, 20 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by LeCrone (U.S. Patent No. 6,529,944). Claims 14, 15, 16 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over LeCrone as applied to claim 13 and further in view of Reichbauer et al (U.S. Patent No. 4,881,074). Claims 17, 18, 22 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over LeCrone as applied to claim 13, further in view of Reichbauer et al as applied to claim 16, and further in view of Inamine (U.S. Patent No. 6,196,735). These rejections are traversed as follows.

All of the pending claims specify the particular status information that is obtained such as copy progress rate, data transfer rate, usage rate of cache, etc. As such, the storage system according to the present invention can be efficiently managed.

On the other hand, as mentioned during the interview, LeCrone merely discloses providing information about the status of a cascading command. Therefore, LeCrone's system cannot be managed as effectively as the presently claimed invention. The deficiencies in LeCrone are not overcome by resort to the

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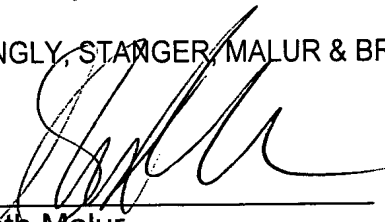
secondary references to Reichbauer and Inamine. These references neither disclose or suggest the obtaining of the particular status information as claimed. As such, it is submitted that the pending claims patentably define the present invention over the cited art.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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